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2,911,132	Chodorowski	11-03-1959
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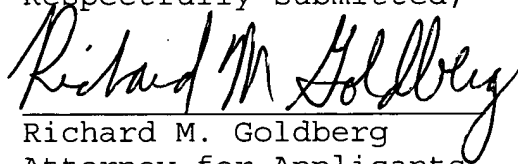
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